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Here's the author of our article series about W9YT, here creating a pileup as he operates HK3A from Colombia. He's Fred Laun, HK3NBB. At home, he's K3ZO. He began as W9SZR, Kiel, Wis., and has been HS5ABD, HSLABD, HI8XAL, LU5HFI, also holding one or two XV calls. He works for the U.S. Information Service and his work has been anything but dull, being caught in the middle of the bullets during a revolution in HI8 and survived being kidnapped and shot by marxist guerillas in LU5. Salud, Fred!

The Second Coming of W9YT: By Fred Laun, HK3NBB/K3ZO...For those of us who had come from all over the state to attend the U.W., the Army equipment we got permission to use was like a dream station. At that time it was rather rare to hear a kilowatt on the

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air. You could either brew your own or buy a Collins KW-1 or a Viking KW, spending kilobucks in the days when a kilobuck was a kilobuck. We had a BC-610 which could run about 700 watts input, quite a lot of soup. Plus 2 Collins R-388-URR receivers, Amateur RTTY, etc. W9ZQA drew the lot to make the first contact from W9YT in August, 1957, and made the first trembling CQ to be answered by W9TPS, who lived almost across the street, on 20 c.w.

The first log of W9YT was somehow lost along the way, but it is my understanding that every log from the second onward is still available for current members to peruse.

It would indeed have been a shame had the FCC eliminated club station licenses. With the old logs in hand, a current member can get the feeling that he is part of a tradition, forming part of a chain between past and future members. For example, in the W9YT log will be found a contact with JTLAA, the first station ever on the air from Mongolia.

This was a contact made by yours truly as a direct result of a challenge from W9LPL to all the members. The first operator to work JTLAA from W9YT would be awarded a free beer from one of the campus sudseries.

It is still a thrill for me every time I hear W9YT on the air, as it immediately triggers memories of some of the most pleasant experiences of my life. Some pretty well-known ops came out of W9YT: There was K9ELT from Madison, now N6ZZ, who has operated all over the Caribbean, and put HH9DL on the air when HH was still very, very rare. There was K9ZMS from Sun Prairie, now N6NA, who has operated from Clipperton. W9VZL from Milwaukee is now N4XX, CQ's Washington columnist.

Yes, indeed, any operator at W9YT today is part of a long and proud tradition!

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Next month, read about "W9YT Today"

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Swapfest Circuit: Jefferson (WI) Swapfest is Sunday, March 20, 1983 at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds from 8 am to 3 pm (Doors open at 7 am for sellers only). Sponsored by Tri-County ARC. Door prizes drawn every hour; grand prize drawing at 2:30 p.m. AF MARS meeting. Food & refreshments by Jefferson City 4-H. Beer served by Tri-County ARC. Prices same as last year - \$2.50 advance, 3.00 door. Tables: \$2.50 advance, 3.50 at door.

Talkin on 52, 144.89/145.49 and area repeaters. Call W9MQB. A scholarship is given from proceeds of this fest. Jefferson City Fgds are in Jefferson WI. Advance tickets & tables, SASE to Horace Hilker, K9LJM, 261 E. High St., P.O. Box 204, Milton WI 53563.

April 10 is the biggie MARA Swapfest at the Forum Building in Mad City. More details next issue; also watch for flyers; may be one with this issue.

Saturday, May 7, choose Ozaukee RC Swapfest in Cedarburg or 3-F event in Neenah.

Ray Hoffman, WB9JYR, Milwaukee area, spent time in hospital for heart problem. Hope you bounce right back, Ray! Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Silent Key: It is with sadness we note the passing of Chuck Piper, K9TRN, of the Madison area.

The 1983 Wisconsin QSO Party will be from 1700Z thru 2400Z on March 13. 10 MHz band QSOs do not count. The event is under auspices of West Allis RAC. A complete rule and scoring sheet is included with this mailing. If you are working toward a club aggregate score be sure to list your club affiliation.

Sentence Sermon: Extremists are seldom just. -William Paley

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Here are the details of the no-code NPRM: P.R. Docket 83-28 contains two options. The first would delete the telegraphy requirement from the current Technician Class examination. The new license would permit those passing Element Two of the Commission's structured "Amateur Radio License Examinations" the same privileges now enjoyed by Amateurs passing a 5 wpm telegraphy exam except for A-1 operation on the Novice cw bands.

Technician licensees who have already passed a code test would not lose those privileges, and new, "no-code" Techs could obtain the additional bands by proving their code proficiency to another Ham; no documentation of this latter ability would be needed to be provided to the Commission. Permitted operation would be on all bands above 50 MHz and would include all modes currently allowed the Technician Class.

The second option is called the "Experimenter Class" and is designed to permit various forms of digital communications on all bands above 144 MHz. (The FCC did reserve the right to permit this class to operate as low as 50 MHz.)

The Commission has proposed adding a new "Element 5" to the testing schedule as a written examination for this class and has requested input from the Amateur community as to the difficulty level to be applied to such an examination element. Neither proposed option would permit a no-code licensee any operating privileges below 30 MHz in accordance with international treaty (except after the proof-of-performance requirement mentioned above.)

(Editors' Note: FCC asks for HOW to go about the no-code license, NOT if we want one or not. It's here. Make your comments helpful; we CAN help shape it. k9zz)

Key Points of the volunteer examination program: If P.R. Docket 83-27 is adopted as written, three person teams would be used to administer examinations for the Technician, General, Advanced and Extra Class licenses. Teams for all classes other than Extra would be composed of at least one Extra Class license holder as

the team leader plus two members holding either an Extra or Advanced. For Extra Class testing, all 3 team members would have to be Extras. Test questions would be drawn from a "pool" of input from the Amateur community, and appearing on approved lists issued by the FCC.

All telegraphy examinations for any class above Novice would be administered by the holder of an Extra Class only. One or more "National Umbrella Entities" would be established to oversee the efforts of all volunteer examiners.

Any Amateur holding a significant interest in, or employed by, a manufacturer or distributor of Amateur equipment, or a publisher or distributor of material used in preparation for obtaining Amateur licenses would be barred from being an examiner.

No Amateur could be part of a team testing a relative, and the minimum age for all members of the examination team would be 18. All candidates would be required to present a fully and correctly completed application Form 610 to the Examination Team.

Commentary cutoff on both of these Dockets is April 29, 1983.

All Aboard the Midnight Special: From Rich, K9GDF...

What two-hour mini-contest has exciting variety, unusual starting times and honest signal reports? The ARRL Midnight Special is held about four times per year. The QST column "Contest Corral" gives the starting time, suggested frequencies & exchange requirements.

The latest two-hour Ham radio contest special was held on January 30, 1983. It began at 10 p.m. on 40 cw and then moved to 80 cw for the second hour. Exchanges were an honest RST, as specified in the contest rules, and a three letter county.

Each Special has a new twist to the exchange. The August 1982 Special, for example, included an exchange of antenna types. N5JJ cw mobile used a "bug catcher", while others used "dip", "inv vee", "vert", "sloper", "delta loop", "zepp", "quad" and "beam," and that just 80 meters.

On the other hand, the April 1982 Morning Special, the sequel to the Midnight Special, was more leisurely. The first hour was on 40 cw, next the entire contest stopped for a one-hour breakfast recess and then resumed at full speed to complete the second hour on 10 ssb. The exchange this time was telephone area code followed by transmitter model.

Rigs were mostly TS520, TS820 and Omni. Some equipment abbreviations were confusing to understand, such as CLINE, SLINE and HB3TUBE. Most of the Specials do not permit using amplifiers, which probably helps the fellow with the HB3TUBE.

The January 1982 two-hour Midnight Special divided time equally between 20 and 40 meters. Besides the honest signal report, the exchange also required the section in which the operator was first licensed. This put stations like W4YE in LAX, K1AR in NLI, N6RO from ENY and N6TR as VE8.

Each Special seems to be on a different set of bands, somewhere from 10 to 160 meters and might be cw, ssb or some of each. The score is simply equal to the total number of QSOs with no multiplier. Some top operators score nearly 200 points for the two-hour event.

If you're bored with old fashioned contests you might get aboard one of the Midnight Specials, providing you don't mind excitement, variety and late hours. But after all, that's what makes them so Special.

It's important to check the rules as each is different. You make your own log but no dupe sheet is required. The score is the number of contacts. Mail entries promptly to ARRL HQ and include an SASE for results. Top scores are listed in QST.

New 3rd Party Country - ARRL Bulletin NR 9 from ARRL HQ, To all Radio Amateurs BT

The FCC has announced that a third party traffic agreement is now in effect between the United States and St. Vincent, prefix J8. Please add St. Vincent to the list of 3rd party traffic agreements appearing on p. 96 Nov. 82 QST AR
(go to col. 2)

Total Mailing of this issue is about 400 copies, press run 600 copies. If you're not a subscriber, why not fill out the sub blank and get Badger State SS once a month - EVERY MONTH. One year goes for the paltry sum of six bux; 2 years are 11.50, and 3 years 17.00. Stay abreast about Wisconsin Amateur activities. If you have news, send to Jim Romelfanger, 1414 Martiny Ct #6, Baraboo, Wis. 53913. Want ads are 50¢ a line.

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WANTED: 45 rpm record "Battle Of Gettysburg" by Fred Darian on Jaf label. K9ZZ. Also wanted "More of Roy Orbison's Greatest Hits" Monument LP MLP or MSP 8024. K9ZZ. Write, giving price and condition.

Your Editor has been appointed Section Public Information Officer, and holds the Central Division spot on the Public Relations Advisory Committee (PRAC). I have some radio PSAs available for the asking, which promote Amateur Radio. I have in particular a series of spots by Astronaut Owen Garriott, W5LFL. If you can get them aired, write me for a copy. They will be supplied reel to reel, 7 1/2 ips, mono. k9zz

Use of GEARVAKf Autopatch Codes: (The f is silent;) from GEARVAKf, Winter 82/83:

The GEARVAKf Technical Committee has asked the Bulletin to tell all members of the GEARVAKf Repeater Association to take care in the proper use of access codes for the GEARVAKf Autopatch. If you make a mistake in entering an access code, you must clear the patch with a virgule followed by the asterisk before reaccessing. Clearing the GEARVAKf Bulletin board tape is with double octothorpe followed by 2 minutes of Touch-Tone no. 7.

Club Capers...Madison Area Repeater Association, P.O. Box 3403, Madison, Wis. 53704....

MARA MEETING

Monday, March 14 - 730 P.M. at Madison Labor Temple on S. Park St. Madison

Free coffee, pop, donuts

We will be reviewing our new repeater move, both technical and financial.

Our MARA Hamfest is coming up Sunday, April 10, 1983 & we need your help! Work schedules will be discussed.

HELP! - HELP!

The U.W. Athletic Department is holding its annual "Crazy Legs" run on Sunday, April 30th.

They are requesting our help for communicators along the 5 mile route. We will need 10 operators from 10 AM to 1115 AM. The run starts at the Capitol square and ends at the Football Stadium. The event is sanctioned by the Wisconsin Athletics Congress.

There will be free beer, Pepsi & Kohl's fruit, along with a free "Crazy Legs" T-shirt for each volunteer. Contact Clyde W9HSY to help out. Should be lots of fun!

By the way, have you noticed? No more WR9ABT! 16-76 new call - WB9AER/RPT/MSN same as 75-15 system.

Do you like? We wish to thank "Badger State Smoke Signals" for publishing our newsletter free of charge in a special complimentary issue. If you like our newsletter combined with this "Smoke Signals" publication, we would appreciate your comments at our March MARA meeting.

Remember to listen to 16-76 at 730 PM on Thursday, March 3 for ARRL President Vic Clark, W4KFC, on "The Future of Amateur Radio."

-73, Clyde, W9HSY

(Editors' Note: The other Wis. repeater on that circuit is WB9ZCT/R, Milwaukee, on 145.13. k9zz)

For information on joining MARA, drop a note to the address at the beginning of their column.

Central Wisconsin Repeater Association..
met Feb. 18 at 7Es in DeForest, Wis.

Elected to terms on the Board, to expire in 1986 were Frank Holliday, WB9NOV, and Bob Garske, K9JMP. These join Board incumbents Dr. John Schroeder, K9YXW, Paul Belton, WA9CDY, Ken Dixon, W9XM, John La Blonde, W9FZC, Ken Ebnetter, K9EN, Jim Decker, WB9UQT, Bernie Heineman, WA9YDW and Tom Luck, WB9BPS.

President K9YXW gave special thanks to John, W9FZC and Russ, WA9EKG, for their consistent good handling of the Sunday morning Swap Net (10 a.m. Sundays). Bill, W9UGT, also presented his thanks for use of CWRA repeaters for the Percheree communications.

The Technical Committee reported they are working on the noise problem and will give a report at the next meeting. Following the annual meeting, the Board met briefly and set the next meeting for April 21, at which election of officers will be held.

CWRA operates the Baraboo 28/88 repeater and the Madison 34/94 machine. For more info on the machines and how to join, drop a line to CWRA, P.O. Box 802, Madison, Wis. 53701.

Yellow Thunder Amateur Radio Club met 15 February in room 34 of the Baraboo Civic Center. Present were these faithful:

Jim Romelfanger, K9ZZ, Baraboo
Duane Grotophorst, KA9HKL, Sauk City
Bob King, KA9GNY, Baraboo
Ted Meyer, N9BXY, Baraboo
Ken Ebnetter, K9EN, Portage
Jim Decker, WB9UQT, Baraboo
Harry Mayland, K9FFT, Baraboo

No quorum, no biz. A nice rap session was held, then we adjourned to Henderson's for coffee, chow, and continuance of the rap session.

Ted, N9BXY, tendered his resignation as Acting Vice-President. Thank you, Ted, very much for your efforts on behalf of the club. They are much appreciated.

And...ye ed missed Ted's birthday last month. Murphy finds his way into everything your editor does. Hope it was a happy one, Ted.

March YTARC Birthdays from the green renewal sheets for 1982...

March 5 - George Loudon, N9CCI, Omro WI
March 8 - Mark Thompson, WB9QZB,
Schaumburg IL
March 12 - Art Escher, WA9WUS, Lodi WI
March 13 - Thom Watson, KA9MAY, Portage WI
March 17 - Fred Becker, W9KKM, Wisconsin Dells WI

Have good 'uns, y'all! k9zz

YTARC Notes...Duane, KA9HKL, Sauk City, has 2-meter ssb capability and gets on ssb when band condx are rite, and he has worked quite a few states on that band & mode...Steve, WB9YSD, is a student at UW Madison and that, plus work & homebrew projects...AND a new Vic-20 keeps him out of trouble...He also operates W9YT from time to time...

K9EN waiting for info on his 2-meter transverter, which will put him on 2M ssb and cw, making it possible to work the birds...Evelyn Fox, WB9QZA, was the subject of an article in the Christian Science Monitor...Snow Train Weekend in North Freedom a big success, with Bob King KA9QNY and friend Sid, NØDJD, working a radio/telegraph sounder link, using American Morse. Kudos, guys! Sid hails from Mt. Vernon, Iowa & a big railfan.

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For Sale: 23 channel CB base station, Courier Caravelle II, complete with desk mike and base antenna. Excellent condx. Jim Romelfanger, K9ZZ, 1414 Martiny Ct. #6, Baraboo, Wis. 53913. Asking \$100.00.

Central Wisconsin Radio Amateurs annual swapfest is Sunday, June 5 at Bukholt Park in Stevens Point. More later. Same day is Starved Rock Radio Club's swapfest in Princeton, Illinois. Prizes for the CWRA event tentatively are eight \$100.00 bills-for the raffle they hold in conjunction with the fest. K9EN & K9ZZ will have sum of their raffle tickets. They're both great, well operated fests.

A Line from Fred Linn, W9NZF, Cedarburg:

I noticed your reference to the old time W9YT, W9YH, W9YB, W6YX group of so long ago...this recalled long-forgotten memories of the U. of Ill., when Prof. Brown and a group of eager Hams built up a Ham radio station called W9YH, at the Electrical Engineering Lab. The rig was a rock crusher, ending up in a UV 204-A in the final.

The plate voltage came from a 2000 V. motor generator in the basement. The exciter was a variety of devices including a 210 and a 203A, eventually a crystal controlled osc., and a 46 buffer. The receiver was a Hammarlund Comet Pro, and a TRF standby, 24, 24, 27, 45 lineup, using a 80 meter zepp, with spaced feeders.

We spent many enjoyable nites and weekends is QSO with the various universities, and during the 1936 Ohio River flood, we spent many hours handling traffic from the southern Ill. area.

I went to the U. of Ill. during the period 1933-1938, and during this period, operated W9AJG, W9IML, and W9ZOL, at the Armory under the auspices of the Signal Corps. ROTC, whilst maintaining W9NZF at the fraternity house across the street from the Armory. At the time, we had a fraternal organization called SYNTON which coordinated all of the Amateur operation on the campus. The unit still exists in Champaign, and as far as I know, still operates W9YH.

During the war, overseas (WWII), I met lots of previous contacts on Amateur Radio, and was quite gratified to find all of the old guys in radio in service of the USA during combat.

-73, Fred A. Linn W9NZF

Thank you, Fred..cu at the fests! k9zz

For Information on how to get news of your club or group in Badger State SS, write Ken Ebnetter, K9EN, 822 Wauona Tr. Portage, Wis. 53901. (608) 742-3560. Special group rates for subs where the club or group is 25 or more names. We would be happy to have you aboard! A sub blank is included w/this issue. zz

Latest Call Signs Assigned by FCC as of 15 February:

<u>Group A</u>	<u>Group B</u>	<u>Group C</u>	<u>Group D</u>
KS9P	KC9XN	N9DTA	KA9OZM

A violation in one radio service can result in the loss of another radio service license. That's what Jerry J. Wells, ex-KØMQ; Walter Norman Russell, ex-WA6WPN and Bernard J. Winner, ex-WD8CMB found out on February 9.

All three Amateurs also held CB licenses. Wells and Winner were cited for violations of Amateur regulations and Russell violated CB regulations.

In all three cases, Administrative Law Judges and the FCC Review Board had previously said that the Commission lacked the authority to revoke a license in one radio service for a violation which occurred in another. The Private Radio Bureau requested that the Commission review the cases, and the Commission agreed with the Bureau's reasoning.

The Commission and the Private Radio Bureau believe that willful violations of the FCC rules in one service would ultimately lead to violations in another service.

(Above courtesy the "ARRL Letter.")

Up and About Early in the morning? Why not combine your breakfast etc. with a checkin to the Badger Weather Net? Net meets on 3984 about 6:15 a.m. All reports are compiled and sent to the Milwaukee Office of the National Wx Service. NWS can use all the data they get. BWN mgr is Jim Caldwell, WB9YPY, Rhinelander (God's Country). A jovial bunch and lots of good chatter, plus excellent moving of wx and other traffic. QNI tomorrow!

Less than half of the counties in Wisconsin have Emergency Coordinators. With our fine, active bunch, there really should be at least 70. It's a fun job and work in which you can take great pride. If you are interested or know someone who would be a good candidate, contact SM Roy Peder- sen, K9FHI, 510 Park Street, Juneau Wis 53039.

Celebrity Hams: Here are a few of those famous folk who are Hams that come to mind: Ronnie Milsap, Chet Atkins, Owen Garriott (Astronaut), Donny Osmond, Sen. Barry Goldwater, the late Andy Devine, baseball's Joe Rudi, Gen. Curtis LeMay, USAF, Clark Weber (WLS DJ), Roy Neal (NBC TV Newsmen), Bill Leonard of CBS, Arthur Godfrey, the late Joe "Fingers" Carr (remember Portuguese Washerwoman?), Clyde Downing (WISM DJ), and there are many, many others I can't bring to mind. But there are many. You sometimes never know who 'tis you are in QSO with!

In August comes the Experimental Aircraft Association's annual Convention and Fly-In at Wittman Field, Oshkosh. Hopefully with it will come the usual W9KKK/9 Amateur station on the grounds. If you're going to attend the event, be sure to stop in and sign the register. Last year, Barry Goldwater, K7UGA, was first on the register. You never know who, you never know...

Last Weekend in June brings Field Day, complete with balky generators, bugs, barley pop, and other fun things. Be sure to go into the hinternalds and do your stuff.

Don't know exactly when the Governor's Spring Disaster Conference will be this year, but we all hope that our new Governor, Tony Earl, will be as nice as his predecessor, Lee Sherman Dreyfus, and recognize our contributions to our state's emergency preparedness, and stop by the station and have a few QSOs with some of us.

That's All Folks...cu next month... and

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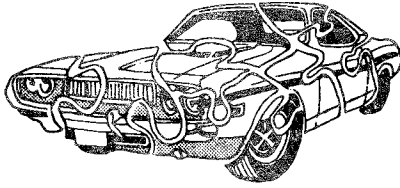
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